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AMENDMENT B

In response to the office action dated September 24, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks. No fees are due with this amendment.

REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-9 and the indication that claims 11-13 and 16-18 include patentable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 9, 10, 14, and 15 as being obvious in view of Phelan. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The Examiner contends Phelan teaches a monitoring package (Fig. 1) and a power source (51) with the power source being "electrically coupled" to a micro-controller (42). To the contrary, the Applicant submits the Phelan power source (51) is directly connected to the micro-controller (42) with a conventional wire. This is the "conventional" connection described at column 6, line 4 of Phelan. Claim 9 of the pending application requires a power source to be electrically coupled to the monitoring package to provide power to the monitoring package. As used in this application and in claim 9, electrical coupling is an electrical connection such as that provided by field